



GENERAL INFORMATION / TELECHECK

NEW THIS YEAR

The items highlighted here are a quick overview of the changes to this year's hunting seasons. **Changes** from last season are **printed in bright blue in complete detail** throughout this guide to assist you in noticing those changes. **Page numbers are provided to indicate where full information can be found.**

LICENSES

New shooting preserve license for Kentucky residents and nonresidents. Available online only (\$5), good for one license year, for one shooting preserve only. (pg. 6)

DEER

Zone changes: Hart County is now

Zone 1; Marion and Taylor counties are now Zone 2; Boyle, Casey and Grayson counties are now Zone 3. (pg. 20)

During late muzzleloader season in Zone 4, antlerless deer may only be taken the last three days of the season (Dec. 19-21, 2008). (pg. 20)

ELK

Elk permit number increases to 400. New Elk Hunting Unit system replaces former Zone At-Large and Limited Entry Area system. (pg. 28)

SMALL GAME

Rabbits and squirrels may be trapped when small game hunting and furbearer trapping seasons overlap. Trappers must possess a trapping license. (pg. 35)

Airguns used to hunt small game

must be .177, .20 or .22 caliber, used with pellets. (pg. 35)

QUOTA HUNTS

Two new deer quota hunts on Paul Van Booven WMA. (pg. 42)

New rabbit and quail quota hunts on 3,000-acre walk-in tract of Peabody WMA. Application process same as for deer and pheasant quota hunts. (pg. 45)

Hunters who do not comply with quota hunt requirements are ineligible to apply for any quota hunt the following year, and will lose any accumulated preference points. (pg. 45)

PUBLIC LAND HUNTING

New public land: Graham WMA (Bell, Clay, Knox and Leslie counties). (pg. 53)

2008-09 KENTUCKY HUNTING SEASONS

NOTE: Seasons on Wildlife Management Areas and other public hunting lands not managed by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife may be different from those below. Please check individual area listings, beginning on page 50.

ELK (all EHUs)	Firearms	Archery	Crossbow
Antlered	Oct. 4-10, 2008	Oct. 4, 2008 - Jan. 19, 2009	Oct. 4-19 and Nov. 8 - Dec. 31, 2008
Antlerless	Dec. 13-26, 2008	Oct. 11, 2008 - Jan. 19, 2009	Oct. 11-19 and Nov. 8 - Dec. 31, 2008

Hunters must follow deer season and equipment regulations to take elk from any county NOT included in the 16-county elk restoration zone (Out of Zone), and must have an Out-of-Zone Elk Permit. (pg. 30)

DEER	Statewide	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4
Modern Gun		Nov. 8-23, 2008 (either sex)	Nov. 8-23, 2008 (either sex)	Nov. 8-17, 2008 (either sex)	Nov. 8-17, 2008 (antlered only)
Archery	Sept. 6, 2008 - Jan. 19, 2009 (either sex)				
Crossbow	Oct. 1-19 and Nov. 8 - Dec. 31, 2008 (either sex)				
Muzzleloader		Oct. 18-19 and Dec. 13-21, 2008 (either sex)	Oct. 18-19 and Dec. 13-21, 2008 (either sex)	Oct. 18-19 and Dec. 13-21, 2008 (either sex)	Oct. 18-19 and Dec. 13-18 (antlered only) and Dec. 19-21, 2008 (either sex)
Youth-only Firearms	Oct. 11-12, 2008 (either sex)				
Free Youth Weekend*	Dec. 27-28, 2008 (either sex)				

*During the Free Youth Deer Hunting Weekend, hunters ages 15 and under may hunt deer with a firearm without a license or deer permit, if accompanied by an adult. (See pages 20-21 for county zones, harvest restrictions and hunter requirements for each zone.)

FALL TURKEY	Shotgun	Archery	Crossbow
	Oct. 25-31 and Dec. 6-12, 2008	Sept. 6, 2008 - Jan. 19, 2009	Oct. 1-19 and Nov. 8 - Dec. 31, 2008

SMALL GAME & FURBEARERS	All seasons are statewide unless otherwise indicated.	
	Hunting	Trapping
Squirrel	Aug. 16 - Nov. 7, Nov. 10, 2008 - Feb. 28, 2009 and June 6 - 19, 2009	Nov. 10, 2008 - Feb. 28, 2009
Raccoon & Opossum	Nov. 1, 2008 - noon Feb. 28, 2009; hunting only at night during Modern Gun Deer Season.	Noon Nov. 10, 2008 - noon Feb. 28, 2009
Coyote	year-round	
Bobcat	Noon Nov. 15, 2008 - Jan. 31, 2009	Noon Nov. 10, 2008 - Jan. 31, 2009
Crow	Sept. 1 - Nov. 7, 2008 and Jan. 4 - Feb. 28, 2009	
Bullfrog	Noon May 16 - Oct. 31, 2008 Noon May 15 - Oct. 31, 2009	
Falconry	Sept. 1, 2008 - Mar. 30, 2009	
Otter, Muskrat, Mink, Beaver, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Weasel & Striped Skunk	Noon Nov. 10, 2008 - noon Feb. 28, 2009	
Wild Hog* & Groundhog	year-round	
Free Youth Small Game Hunting & Trapping Week	Dec. 27, 2008 - Jan. 2, 2009	

* It is illegal to possess live wild hogs in Kentucky; all trapped hogs must be killed at the trap site, and not released.

Rabbit & Quail
Nov. 10, 2008 - Feb. 10, 2009, in the following counties: Allen, Ballard, Butler, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Crittenden, Daviess, Fulton, Graves, Hancock, Henderson, Hickman, Hopkins, Livingston, Logan, Lyon, Marshall, McLean, McCracken, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Simpson, Todd, Trigg, Union, Warren and Webster. Rabbits may be trapped Nov. 10, 2008 - Feb. 10, 2009 in these counties.
Nov. 1-7 and Nov. 10, 2008 - Jan. 31, 2009 in all other counties. Rabbits may be trapped Nov. 10, 2008 - Jan. 31, 2009 in these counties.
Grouse
Nov. 1-7 and Nov. 10, 2008 - Feb. 28, 2009 in the following counties only: Adair, Bath, Bell, Boyd, Bracken, Breathitt, Campbell, Carter, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Elliott, Estill, Fleming, Floyd, Garrard, Greenup, Harlan, Harrison, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Lincoln, Madison, Magoffin, Martin, Mason, McCreary, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Owsley, Pendleton, Perry, Pike, Powell, Pulaski, Robertson, Rockcastle, Rowan, Russell, Wayne, Whitley and Wolfe.

LICENSES AND PERMITS

WHO NEEDS HUNTING LICENSES AND PERMITS IN KENTUCKY?

If you take or attempt to take game, you are considered a hunter and therefore subject to licensing requirements unless specifically exempted by law. (See **page 61 for the complete definition of 'take'.**)

Unless you fall into one of the categories listed below, you must obtain and carry while in the field, proof that you've met the license requirements for the kind of hunting you're doing. This proof can be either a paper license/permit, or a license authorization number (if you purchased a license by phone and have not yet received your paper license/permit in the mail.) If you can't show you're licensed properly while you're hunting, you risk being issued a citation.

Each hunter must have his or her own license or permit. Paper licenses and permits must be signed and the hunter information portion (signature, address, eye and hair color, sex, height and weight) completed before going afield.

Phoning it in?

Hunters who purchase licenses and permits on the phone or internet must read the requirements listed on page 9.

WHO DOESN'T NEED A HUNTING LICENSE OR PERMIT?

In some cases, a resident hunter may not be required to buy a hunting license, permits to hunt deer or turkey, or a state waterfowl permit. Here are those situations:

- Kentucky resident owners of farmlands, their spouses and dependent children hunting **upon their own farmlands** during an open season;
- Tenants, their spouses and dependent children hunting on farmlands **where they reside and work**; and
- Kentucky residents on military furlough of more than three days in this state who carry identification and papers that verify their furlough status.

Resident and nonresident kids under the age of 12 are not required to purchase licenses and permits, except the Elk Lottery Application, Elk Quota Hunt Permit and Out-of-Zone Elk Permit.

Hunters eligible to participate in the Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week or Free Youth Deer Hunting Weekend, and adults who accompany a youth hunter but are not hunting themselves, are not required to have a license or permit during these seasons.

Other laws still apply!

Hunters exempt from buying licenses and permits are required to follow hunting season laws, bag limits, comply with the hunter orange clothing law, and follow hunter harvest recording, checking and tagging requirements. Kentucky landowners, their legal dependents and their tenants, as described above, ARE subject to the usual license requirements anytime they hunt somewhere other than their own lands.

WHAT TYPE OF LICENSE OR PERMIT DO I NEED?

Deer, elk and turkey

Both an **annual** hunting license and an additional permit are required **for hunters 12 and older**. (See the Deer, Elk and Fall Turkey sections for details).

Waterfowl and other migratory birds

In addition to a Kentucky hunting license (annual or short-term), permits are required **for ages 16 and older** as follows:

- **Kentucky Migratory Bird Permit:** required to hunt doves, snipe, woodcock, moorhens, rails and gallinules.
- **Kentucky Waterfowl Permit:** required to hunt ducks, geese, coots and mergansers. This permit **also covers** the species permitted by the Kentucky Migratory Bird Permit.
- **Federal Migratory Bird "Duck" Stamp:** required in addition to the Kentucky Waterfowl Permit to hunt ducks, geese, coots and mergansers. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service require-

ment; available at post offices.

All other species

For hunters 12 and older, only a hunting license (annual, short-term, or a license that includes the hunting privilege) is required for everything else, except that no license or permit is needed to take exotic species as noted in the Small Game & Furbearers section of this guide.

See the chart on page 8 and text on pages 10-11 for a full description of what's included in the Resident Sportsman's License, Youth Sportsman's License and Resident Senior/Disabled License.

Shooting preserve license

A \$5 shooting preserve license is available to Kentucky residents and nonresidents, online at fw.ky.gov only. The license is valid for one license year, and for one shooting preserve only (which must be indicated at time of purchase.)

SHORT-TERM HUNTING LICENSES

The following short-term licenses are valid for all types of hunting except deer, elk and turkey. (Hunting those three species requires an **annual** resident or nonresident hunting license along with the appropriate permit.) Short-term licenses are valid **only** for the 1- or 5-day period shown on the license.

- **1-Day Hunting License:** available to residents and nonresidents.
- **5-Day Hunting License:** available **only** to nonresidents.

HIP SURVEYS

When purchasing a Kentucky Waterfowl Permit, Kentucky Migratory Bird Permit, or any license that includes those permits, hunters are required by federal law to complete a harvest information program (HIP) survey at the time of purchase. Your license retailer (or phone operator) will ask you questions to fill out this survey. If you purchase your license online, you will be prompted to answer those questions at the end of your purchase.

WHICH LICENSE OR PERMIT DO I NEED?

The tables below are a quick overview of licensing requirements for hunting in Kentucky for the **2008-09 license year**. See the rest of this section

for exemptions and **complete** residency, licensing and hunter education requirements. **(All elk hunting requirements are explained in the Elk section.)**

Also:

See pages 10-11 for Senior/Disabled License eligibility.

NOTE: Licenses and permits are not required for kids under the age of 12.

KENTUCKY RESIDENTS	Ages 12-15	Ages 16-64	Ages 65 and over OR Disabled
Deer	Youth Hunting License* + Youth Deer Permit*	Annual Hunting License† + Statewide Deer Permit†	Senior/Disabled License
Fall Turkey	Youth Hunting License* + Youth Turkey Permit*	Annual Hunting License† + Fall Turkey Permit†	Senior/Disabled License
Spring Turkey	Youth Hunting License* + Youth Turkey Permit*	Annual Hunting License† + Spring Turkey Permit†	Senior/Disabled License
Small Game & Furbearer	Youth Hunting License*	Annual† or 1-Day Hunting License	Senior/Disabled License
Trapping	Annual Youth Trapping License	Annual or Landowner/Tenant Trapping License	Annual or Landowner/Tenant Trapping License
Migratory Birds (dove, snipe, woodcock, moorhens, rails, gallinules)	Youth Hunting License*	Annual† or 1-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Migratory Bird or Kentucky Waterfowl Permit†	Senior/Disabled License
Waterfowl (ducks, geese, coots and mergansers)	Youth Hunting License*	Annual† or 1-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Waterfowl Permit† + Federal Duck Stamp	Senior/Disabled License + Federal Duck Stamp

NONRESIDENTS (must buy nonresident licenses/permits)	Ages 12-15	Ages 16 and over
Deer	Youth Hunting License* + Youth Deer Permit*	Annual Hunting License + Statewide Deer Permit
Fall Turkey	Youth Hunting License* + Youth Turkey Permit*	Annual Hunting License + Fall Turkey Permit
Spring Turkey	Youth Hunting License* + Youth Turkey Permit*	Annual Hunting License + Spring Turkey Permit
Small Game & Furbearer	Youth Hunting License*	Annual, 1-Day or 5-Day Hunting License
Trapping	Annual Trapping License	Annual Trapping License
Migratory Birds (dove, snipe, woodcock, moorhens, rails, gallinules)	Youth Hunting License*	Annual, 1-Day or 5-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Migratory Bird or Waterfowl Permit
Waterfowl (ducks, geese, coots and mergansers)	Youth Hunting License*	Annual, 1-Day or 5-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Waterfowl Permit + Federal Duck Stamp

*Included in Youth Sportsman's License

†Included in Resident Sportsman's License



HIP survey required (also required for Resident Sportsman's License)
(You will be asked survey questions during your purchase)



Q: Who needs a Federal Duck Stamp?



Hunters ages 16 and over must get a **federal** duck stamp (available from post offices) to hunt ducks, geese, coots and mergansers.



Q: Does the Resident Sportsman's License cover dove and other migratory bird hunting?



Yes. The Sportsman's License includes a Kentucky Waterfowl Permit, which covers not only waterfowl but also dove and other migratory bird hunting.

LICENSE AND PERMIT FEES

LICENSE / PERMIT	Resident	Nonresident
Annual Hunting (deer, elk or turkey)	\$20.00	\$130.00
Annual Fishing	\$20.00	\$50.00
Joint Husband/Wife Annual Fishing	\$36.00	*
1-Day Fishing	\$7.00	\$10.00
Nonresident 7-Day Fishing	*	\$30.00
Nonresident 15-Day Fishing	*	\$40.00
Trout Permit	\$10.00	\$10.00
1-Day Hunting (not valid for deer, elk or turkey)	\$7.00	\$10.00
5-Day Hunting (not valid for deer, elk or turkey)	*	\$40.00
Annual Youth Hunting (ages 12-15 only)	\$5.00	\$5.00
Annual Combination Hunting/Fishing	\$30.00	*
Senior/Disabled Combination Hunting/Fishing**	\$5.00	*
Deer Permit (statewide) (two deer)	\$30.00	\$60.00
Youth (ages 12-15) Deer Permit (one deer)	\$10.00	\$10.00
Bonus Antlerless Deer Permit (two deer)	\$15.00	\$15.00
Bonus WMA Quota Hunt Deer Permit (two deer)	\$30.00	\$30.00
Spring Turkey Permit (statewide) (two turkeys)	\$30.00	\$60.00
Youth (ages 12-15) Turkey Permit (one turkey, spring or fall)	\$10.00	\$10.00
Fall Turkey Permit (statewide)(four turkeys)	\$30.00	\$60.00
Kentucky Waterfowl Permit	\$15.00	\$15.00
Migratory Bird Permit	\$10.00	\$10.00
Annual Trapping	\$20.00	\$130.00
Annual Landowner/Tenant Trapping	\$10.00	*
Annual Youth (ages 12-15) Trapping	\$5.00	*
Sportsman's License** (Includes combination hunting/fishing, statewide deer permit, spring and fall turkey permits, state waterfowl permit and trout permit.)	\$95.00	*
Youth (ages 12-15) Sportsman's License** (Includes youth hunting license, youth deer permit and youth turkey permit. Fishing license, waterfowl permit and trout permit not required for youth.)	\$25.00	\$25.00
Elk Lottery Application (deadline April 30)	\$10.00	\$10.00
Elk Quota Hunt Permit (if drawn)	\$30.00	\$365.00
Out-of-Zone Elk Permit	\$30.00	\$365.00
Peabody WMA User Permit	\$15.00	\$15.00
Land Between the Lakes (LBL) Hunter Use Permit	\$20.00	\$20.00
Temporary Hunter Education Exemption Permit (available online at fw.ky.gov only)	\$5.00	\$5.00
Federal Migratory Bird "Duck" Stamp (available at post offices)	\$15.00	\$15.00
Shooting Preserve License (available online at fw.ky.gov only)	\$5.00	\$5.00

* Not available

** Peabody and LBL permits, Elk Lottery Application, Elk Quota Hunt Permit, Out-of-Zone Elk Permit and Federal Duck Stamp not included.

Annual licenses and permits are valid from the date of purchase through the last day in February. New licenses are required annually March 1. (A 1- or 5-day hunting license is valid only for the period shown on the license.)

Resident and nonresident youth under the age of 12 are not required to purchase licenses or permits (except the Elk Lottery Application, Elk Quota Hunt Permit and Out-of-Zone Elk Permit).

HOW TO BUY LICENSES AND PERMITS

GETTING A LICENSE IN PERSON

Kentucky hunting, trapping and fishing licenses and permits can be purchased from nearly 1,000 locations throughout the Commonwealth. Most Wal-mart, K-mart, county court clerk offices and outdoor sporting goods stores sell licenses. License vendor locations are listed on the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website at fw.ky.gov. Licenses and permits can also be purchased TOLL-FREE at 1-877-598-2401 by phone or over the internet at fw.ky.gov.

GETTING A LICENSE BY PHONE

Kentucky hunting and fishing licenses can be purchased over the phone 24 hours a day. It is the caller's responsibility to know what type of license or permit is needed before calling. Operators should NOT be relied upon to explain licensing requirements. If you are unsure what license or permit you need, refer to previous portions of this guide, or contact the department's Information Center at 1-800-858-1549.

All Kentucky hunting and fishing

By phone:

Call toll-free 1-877-598-2401

Persons purchasing by phone:

1. Must use Visa, Mastercard, Discover or e-check;
2. Will be charged a small fee;
3. Must provide their name, address, date of birth and Social Security number;
4. Will be issued a paper license/permit by mail;
5. Will be issued an authorization number which serves as a license/permit until paper license/permit is issued; and
6. Must have the authorization number in addition to a picture ID while hunting, if they have not yet received their paper license/permit in the mail.

licenses and permits, except a Disabled Combination License and all youth licenses and permits, can be purchased over the phone.

By Internet:

Visit fw.ky.gov

Persons purchasing online:

1. Must use Visa, Mastercard or Discover;
2. Must provide their name, address, date of birth and Social Security number;
3. Must print their own paper license/permit at the end of their purchase; and
4. Will not receive a paper license/permit in the mail.

GETTING A LICENSE THROUGH THE INTERNET

All Kentucky hunting and fishing licenses/permits, except a **Joint Husband/Wife Fishing License**, can be purchased through the secured department website.

Deer, elk and turkey hunters, and otter and bobcat hunters/trappers should be absolutely sure to read the portion of this guide that outlines the requirements of recording, checking and tagging these species.

WHITETAILS AND TURKEYS AND BASS,

OH MY!

DO IT ALL WITH THE
SPORTSMAN'S LICENSE!

- Combination hunting/fishing license
- Spring & fall turkey permits
- Statewide deer, waterfowl & trout permits

ALL FOR \$95 - SAVE \$50!

Available at license outlets, by phone or online



LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

RESIDENT SPORTSMAN'S LICENSE (SAVE \$50!)

Residents who both hunt and fish for several species may want to consider the Resident Sportsman's License. This license includes a combination hunting and fishing license, spring turkey permit (two turkeys), fall turkey permit (four turkeys), statewide deer permit (two deer), state waterfowl permit (which also covers dove and other migratory bird hunting) and a trout permit. Purchased separately, these items would cost \$50 more than buying the Sportsman's package deal. Peabody and LBL permits, trapping license, an Elk Lottery Application, Elk Quota Hunt Permit (if drawn), Out-of-Zone Elk Permit and bonus deer permits must be purchased separately. Sportsman's License holders must answer harvest information program (HIP) survey questions for waterfowl and other migratory birds. A Federal Duck Stamp (available at post offices) is required for waterfowl hunting.

YOUTH HUNTER LICENSE (RESIDENTS & NONRESIDENTS)

Hunters under the age of 12 are not required to purchase licenses and permits, except the Elk Lottery Application, Elk Quota Hunt Permit and Out-of-Zone Elk Permit. Hunters ages 12-15 are eligible to purchase a less expensive youth hunting license instead of a regular-priced license.

A youth hunting license authorizes

the holder to hunt all small game species and migratory bird species. Unless exempt, youth hunters **ages 12-15** are required to purchase additional permits to hunt deer and turkey. (All hunters must purchase an additional permit if drawn for a quota elk hunt.) Specific permit requirements for youth deer and turkey hunters are found in the Deer and Fall Turkey sections of this guide. Both a youth deer and turkey permit are available at a reduced price. (How these permits may be used is discussed in the sections on youth deer and turkey hunting.) **Youth hunting licenses and permits are valid for the entire license year, even if the hunter turns 16 during the license year after purchasing the license.** After a hunter turns 16 years old, he or she is no longer eligible to buy a youth hunting license.

A Youth Sportsman's License is available to resident and nonresident youth **ages 12-15**, and includes a youth hunting license, youth deer permit and youth turkey permit.

Hunters 15 and younger are exempt from purchasing a Kentucky waterfowl or state migratory bird permit, and a federal migratory bird "duck" stamp.

A youth hunting license shall not be issued without the written permission of a parent or guardian, or person having custody of the youth hunter. A parent, guardian or person having custody of the youth hunter shall sign the youth hunter's license to signify consent.

Persons under 12 years old who hunt **any species** must be accompanied by an adult if they have not yet taken a hunter education course. Persons 15 and under who hunt **turkey, elk or deer** with a **firearm** must always be accompanied by an adult.

During the Free Youth Hunting and Trapping Week (Dec. 27, 2008 through Jan. 2, 2009), resident and nonresident hunters 15 and under may hunt or trap small game and furbearers without a license. All other regulations and limits apply, except no license is required.

Youth hunters who hunt deer or out-of-zone elk with a firearm during the Free Youth Deer Hunting Weekend (Dec.

27-28, 2008) are not required to have a deer or out-of-zone elk permit, but must be accompanied by an adult, and follow all other deer/elk hunting regulations.

Hunter education is not required for youth to participate in the Free Youth Deer Hunting Weekend, or the Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week, but taking the course ahead of time is strongly recommended.

Q: I'm a nonresident but I own land in Kentucky. Do I have to buy nonresident licenses and permits?

A: Yes. **All** nonresidents must purchase nonresident licenses and permits.

NONRESIDENT HUNTER LICENSE

Those who do not meet the definition of a Kentucky resident are required to purchase nonresident licenses. A resident is: Any person who has established **permanent** domicile and legal residence and has resided in Kentucky for 30 days prior to purchasing a license, full-time students enrolled in an educational institution for at least a six-month term, and military service personnel on permanent assignment in Kentucky.

RESIDENT SENIOR (65 AND OLDER) LICENSE

Kentucky residents 65 years of age and older who present proof of age and residency are eligible to purchase the discounted \$5 **Senior Combination Hunting and Fishing License** (which includes all state-required permits **except** Peabody and LBL permits, Elk Lottery Application, Elk Quota Hunt Per-

Lost licenses and permits

Persons who need a replacement license or permit have two options:

1. Purchase the same type of license or permit from any license vendor, ask them for a license refund form (or print one at fw.ky.gov), fill it out and send it to: KDFWR Licensing, #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601. You will receive a refund minus a \$5 handling fee.
2. Send \$5, your name, address, date of birth and Social Security number, and which license(s) or permits you lost to: KDFWR Licensing, #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601. The department will replace the license/permit once verification of original purchase occurs. Replacement may take up to 3 weeks.

Warning!

Persons convicted of providing false information regarding residency eligibility for purposes of purchasing hunting and fishing licenses and permits are subject to fines up to \$200 in addition to loss of hunting/fishing privileges for up to three years and seizure of hunting/fishing equipment.

mit, Out-of-Zone Elk Permit and a trapping license). Holders of a Senior Combination License must answer harvest information program (HIP) survey questions. Holders of this license must also purchase a Federal Migratory Bird "Duck" Stamp (available at post offices) to hunt waterfowl. Seniors should carry ID with proof of age/residency while hunting or fishing. The minimum value of the hunting/fishing privileges of this special discounted license is \$145.

TRAPPING LICENSE

Trappers under the age of 12 are not required to purchase a trapping license. A trapping license is required of all resident and non-resident trappers **ages 12 and older**, including landowners/tenants unless otherwise provided by law. A trapping license is not included in any other combination license package. Landowner/tenant trapping licenses are only valid for landowners, tenants or their dependents trapping on their own property. A youth trapping license is available for trappers **ages 12-15**. Trapping licenses are available from license agents across the state, online at fw.ky.gov and by **phone** at 1-877-598-2401.

Carry proof

Holders of Disabled Combination Licenses must carry both the license and authorization card while hunting. Note that once a person who qualifies for this disability license reaches age 65, he or she is considered a senior for licensing purposes, and no longer needs to follow the process of obtaining a disability license authorization card.

Q: How long is my disability authorization card valid?

A: The disability authorization card is good for 3 years (check the expiration date on your card). **Every 3 years**, you must provide updated paperwork (following the instructions to the right) and get a new card.

RESIDENT DISABILITY LICENSE

Who qualifies?

The following are eligible to purchase the discounted (\$5) **Disabled Combination Hunting and Fishing License** (which includes the same license and permits as the Resident Senior License described at left):

- Kentucky residents certified totally and permanently disabled by the Federal Social Security Administration, a state Workers Compensation Board, the Kentucky Teacher Retirement System or the United States Railroad Retirement Board.
- Kentucky resident employees of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, declared totally and permanently disabled by a recognized authority.
- Kentucky resident veterans at least 50% disabled as the result of a service-connected disability.

Persons with the disabilities listed above must first obtain a disability authorization card to be able to purchase this special \$5 license from a license vendor or online at fw.ky.gov.

To obtain a disability license authorization card:

If your disability is through the:

- **Federal Social Security Administration:** Contact your local Social Security office and request a form showing your name, address, Social Security number and date of birth, which states that you are disabled and drawing benefits. Send form to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.
 - **Veteran's Administration:** Contact your local VA office and request a letter that verifies you are at least 50% disabled as a result of a service-connected disability. Send letter to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.
 - **State Worker's Compensation Board:** Request an application from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife, fill it out and send to the State Worker's Compensation Board.
 - **United States Railroad Retirement Board:** Contact the Board and request a letter stating you are 100% totally and permanently disabled. Send letter to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.
 - **Kentucky Teacher Retirement System:** Contact the Teacher Retirement System and request written documentation stating you are on disability retirement. Send documentation to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.
 - **United States Office of Personnel Management:** Contact the federal Office of Personnel Management and obtain certification of employment and documentation of being 100% disabled. Send documentation to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.
- Once the proper documentation is processed, applicants will receive by mail an authorization card that allows the individual to purchase the \$5 discounted Disabled Combination Hunting & Fishing License from ANY license vendor or online at fw.ky.gov.

The authorization card is not a license.

The authorization card must be presented to the license seller, or the authorization number entered online, at the time of purchase. License vendors cannot sell a disability license using an expired authorization card.

Senior and Disabled Combination Licenses are valid through the end of February like any other license. If you lose your card, you may contact Kentucky Fish and Wildlife at the above address for a replacement.

Contacting us

Except for those who qualify for a Disability License through Worker's Compensation, mail or fax your disability certification to:

KDFWR Disability License
#1 Sportsman's Lane
Frankfort, KY 40601
FAX: (502) 564-9368

You may also bring the documentation in person to the department office in Frankfort at #1 Sportsman's Lane during business hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Monday - Friday.

RECORDING, CHECKING, TAGGING AND TRANSPORTING

Harvested Deer, Elk, Turkey, Bobcat and Otter

All successful deer, elk and turkey hunters, and bobcat and otter hunters/trappers must record, check, tag and transport these species according to the following regulations.

The purpose of the recording, checking and tagging requirements is to identify who took what and how many, and to ensure that all animals have been checked in.

BASIC GUIDELINES

- You must have a completed hunter harvest log for each harvested deer, elk, turkey, bobcat or otter with you anytime you're in the field hunting or trapping that species.
- You must be able to show you have the correct licenses and permits for the game you intend to take, unless you are license/permit exempt.
- Meat processors and taxidermists are prohibited by law from accepting any part of an unchecked or untagged deer, elk, turkey, bobcat or otter.

RECORDING

All successful hunters/trappers must write down harvest information on a hunter harvest log as soon as the animal is recovered and before it is moved. Blank spaces to fill in the required information are provided on the back of any paper license or permit. Otherwise, you may obtain a blank log sheet from a license dealer, use the example in this guide, or make one yourself and complete it as explained on page 13.

Log information should be written in ink.

Although there are spaces to record five animals on a pre-printed harvest log, that doesn't necessarily mean you can take five deer, elk, turkeys, bobcats or otters. Season bag limits are in place for each species.

Telecheck number:
**1-800-CHK-GAME
(1-800-245-4263)**

Completing the hunter harvest log:

- If you have a paper license or permit, simply fill in the blanks on the back as indicated on page 13.
- ALL hunters not required to have a license/permit, or who have only a license authorization number, must create their own hunter harvest log and follow the same requirements as noted on page 13 after taking these species.

CHECKING (TELECHECK)

All harvested animals must be telechecked through the toll-free, automated phone-in system by midnight on the day the animal is harvested. Deer and elk must be telechecked before removing the hide or head. Harvested animals must be checked in before being transported out of Kentucky.

When you call, you will be asked a short series of questions, including your **Social Security number** and the **code number for the county** where you took the animal. The county code chart appears on page 14.

You can check multiple animals during the same call. It takes about five minutes each. **Entering false information is unlawful.**

Q: I only heard part of my confirmation number after I telechecked my deer. Should I call and check it in again?

A: No. If you need to hear your confirmation number again, call the department at 1-800-858-1549 the next business day.

CALLING TELECHECK

1. Call toll-free 1-800-245-4263. It's in service 24 hours a day while seasons are open.
2. Listen to each question carefully and provide the requested information using the keypad on any touch-tone phone. You will be asked to indicate the animal's species and sex, type of equipment used, whether the land was private or public and what type of license you used (or if you are a landowner).

Sex of deer: Hunters who take button bucks should check the deer as "male" and then choose "no visible antler" when prompted.

License: You will be given the following choices: Statewide License, \$5 Senior/Disabled License, Landowner, Deer Control Tag, Trapping License, Elk Permit or Out-of-Zone Elk Permit. Youth hunters who check deer taken during the Free Youth Deer Hunting Weekend, or license exempt military personnel, should select "Statewide License." Landowners who take animals somewhere other than on property they own must have the proper license/permit and answer accordingly.

3. Once your harvest information has been entered correctly, you will be asked to hold while the system submits your survey information. Be prepared to write down the **confirmation number** given by the system on the hunter harvest log for the animal you are checking in.

HOW TO FILL OUT THE HUNTER HARVEST LOG

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Date, County & Sex must be filled in before carcass is moved. TELECHECK 1-800-245-4263


☒ DEER ☐ TURKEY ☐ BOBCAT ☐ OTTER ☐ ELK
DATE 11-16 COUNTY Grant SEX F
CONFIRMATION # 1234567890

☐ DEER ☒ TURKEY ☐ BOBCAT ☐ OTTER ☐ ELK
DATE 12-4 COUNTY Adair SEX M
CONFIRMATION # 1234567891

☐ DEER ☐ TURKEY ☐ BOBCAT ☐ OTTER ☒ ELK
DATE 12-13 COUNTY Johnson SEX F
CONFIRMATION # 1234567892

☐ DEER ☐ TURKEY ☒ BOBCAT ☐ OTTER ☐ ELK
DATE 1-10 COUNTY Knox SEX M
CONFIRMATION # 1234567893

☐ DEER ☐ TURKEY ☐ BOBCAT ☒ OTTER ☐ ELK
DATE 2-12 COUNTY Trigg SEX M
CONFIRMATION # 1234567894

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BEFORE YOU MOVE THE ANIMAL FROM THE SPOT IT WAS FOUND:

Step 1: Mark the box for the appropriate species and fill in the date, county and sex of the animal.

Step 2: Put the harvest log back in your pocket.

Note:

You will need to have a pen with you in the field.

First things first:

Animals must be checked by midnight on the same day recovered. You must telecheck your **deer** or **elk** before removing the hide or head. If you give the carcass to anybody else before it's processed, you must first attach a completed carcass tag to the animal before it leaves your possession.

WHEN YOU CALL TO CHECK IN THE ANIMAL:

Step 3: Write the Telecheck confirmation number on the harvest log, and keep the log information in your possession whenever you are in the field during the deer, elk, turkey, bobcat or otter season.

SAMPLE HARVEST LOG & CARCASS TAGS

Harvest logs are not to be used as carcass tags.

CARCASS TAG

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Telecheck Confirmation Number: _____

1-800-245-4263 (Animal must be checked in, and the confirmation number filled in above before carcass leaves hunter's possession.)
(toll-free)

CARCASS TAG

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Telecheck Confirmation Number: _____

1-800-245-4263 (Animal must be checked in, and the confirmation number filled in above before carcass leaves hunter's possession.)
(toll-free)


Date, County & Sex must be filled in before carcass is moved. TELECHECK 1-800-245-4263

☐ DEER ☐ TURKEY ☐ BOBCAT ☐ OTTER ☐ ELK
DATE _____ COUNTY _____ SEX _____
CONFIRMATION # _____

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KENTUCKY COUNTY CODE NUMBERS FOR TELECHECK

001	Adair	025	Clark	049	Harrison	073	McCracken	097	Perry
002	Allen	026	Clay	050	Hart	074	McCreary	098	Pike
003	Anderson	027	Clinton	051	Henderson	075	McLean	099	Powell
004	Ballard	028	Crittenden	052	Henry	076	Madison	100	Pulaski
005	Barren	029	Cumberland	053	Hickman	077	Magoffin	101	Robertson
006	Bath	030	Daviess	054	Hopkins	078	Marion	102	Rockcastle
007	Bell	031	Edmonson	055	Jackson	079	Marshall	103	Rowan
008	Boone	032	Elliott	056	Jefferson	080	Martin	104	Russell
009	Bourbon	033	Estill	057	Jessamine	081	Mason	105	Scott
010	Boyd	034	Fayette	058	Johnson	082	Meade	106	Shelby
011	Boyle	035	Fleming	059	Kenton	083	Menifee	107	Simpson
012	Bracken	036	Floyd	060	Knott	084	Mercer	108	Spencer
013	Breathitt	037	Franklin	061	Knox	085	Metcalfe	109	Taylor
014	Breckinridge	038	Fulton	062	Larue	086	Monroe	110	Todd
015	Bullitt	039	Gallatin	063	Laurel	087	Montgomery	111	Trigg
016	Butler	040	Garrard	064	Lawrence	088	Morgan	112	Trimble
017	Caldwell	041	Grant	065	Lee	089	Muhlenberg	113	Union
018	Calloway	042	Graves	066	Leslie	090	Nelson	114	Warren
019	Campbell	043	Grayson	067	Letcher	091	Nicholas	115	Washington
020	Carlisle	044	Green	068	Lewis	092	Ohio	116	Wayne
021	Carroll	045	Greenup	069	Lincoln	093	Oldham	117	Webster
022	Carter	046	Hancock	070	Livingston	094	Owen	118	Whitley
023	Casey	047	Hardin	071	Logan	095	Owsley	119	Wolfe
024	Christian	048	Harlan	072	Lyon	096	Pendleton	120	Woodford

TAGGING

Placing a carcass tag on a harvested deer, out-of-zone elk, turkey, bobcat or otter is only required when the carcass leaves the possession of the hunter who took the animal. If you take a deer, for example, and it never leaves your possession, you are not required to put a carcass tag on the animal. Harvested animals in a hunter's possession are assumed to be his or hers, unless they bear a carcass tag stating otherwise. An individual in possession of an untaged animal must have a fully completed hunter harvest log as described on page 13 for each animal.

If an animal leaves the possession of the person who harvested it, that hunter must first make and attach a carcass tag to the animal that clearly includes the following information:

1. Name of the person who took the animal(s).

2. Phone number of the person who took the animal(s); and
3. Telecheck confirmation number for each animal.

Tag before you leave

Carcass tags must be placed on the animal before the hunter gives it to, or leaves it with someone else, or leaves a deer, for example, hanging unattended in a deer camp or elsewhere. Hunters must also telecheck the animal first, and write the confirmation number on the carcass tag as proof of doing so. The easiest item to use as a carcass tag is an index card. The carcass tag must remain attached until processing begins or the hunter returns to take possession of the carcass.

CITES Tagging for Bobcat & Otter

Hunters or trappers who intend to sell the raw fur of a bobcat or otter must go online to fw.ky.gov or call 1-800-858-1549, provide their Telecheck confirmation number and request a CITES tag. This tag shall be attached per the instructions included with the mailed tag, and remain with the pelt until it is processed. Possession of an unused bobcat or otter CITES tag is prohibited, unless authorized by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. A CITES tag may substitute for a hand-made carcass tag. The process of selling furs is described in the Small Game & Furbearers section.

TRANSPORTING

Hunters bringing any deer or elk, or parts of deer or elk, into Kentucky shall have proof that the animal was legally harvested elsewhere **and shall do so in compliance with the carcass importation laws outlined on page 26.**

OTHER HUNTING REGULATIONS

LANDOWNER PERMISSION REQUIRED FOR HUNTING, TRAPPING & FISHING

A person **SHALL NOT ENTER** upon the lands of another to hunt, trap or fish, **WITHOUT** the oral or written **PERMISSION** of the landowner, tenant or person who has authority to grant permission. Those who fail to obtain permission are subject to arrest and prosecution. Railroad tracks and rights of way are privately owned property and permission to hunt, trap or fish must be obtained prior to entry.

Q: Can I retrieve game from another person's land without permission?

A: No. You **MUST** have permission to enter private property. Landowners are under no obligation to allow hunters to retrieve game from their land. Think about where you hunt – if you take a shot near a property line, you may not be able to retrieve your game.

HUNTER EDUCATION LAW & REQUIREMENTS FOR ADULTS HUNTING WITH KIDS

Kentucky's Hunter Education Law states that all hunters, if required to purchase a Kentucky hunting license and **born on or after January 1, 1975**, must carry a valid hunter education course completion card while hunting. However, a one-time temporary hunter education exemption permit is available online at fw.ky.gov. This \$5 permit allows hunting without a hunter education card for one year from the date of purchase. After it expires, the hunter is no longer exempt and must successfully complete a hunter education course. (Landowners are only license exempt on their own property. When hunting elsewhere, they must be licensed and comply with the hunter education law.)

A bowhunter not in possession of a firearm while hunting may carry a valid National Bowhunter Education Program course completion card instead of the hunter education card.

The hunter education law applies to all types of hunting. Hunter education cards obtained from other states are valid in Kentucky. Hunter education cards and temporary hunter education exemption permits are not required when buying a license or permits, but **must be in the hunter's possession while hunting**. Course schedule information is available at fw.ky.gov or by calling 1-800-858-1549.

Children under 12 years old are exempt from this law, and cannot take the hunter education test until they turn 9 years old. **BUT** hunters under 12 years old and those who have temporary hunter education exemption permits must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years old, who meets the hunter education requirement. The adult shall be in a position to take immediate control of the child or exempted hunter's bow or firearm at all times while hunting. One adult shall not accompany more than two children at the same time.

Replacement hunter education cards can be obtained by mailing \$5, name, current address, date of birth and phone number to the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Hunter Education Program at the address on the front of this guide.

Adults must accompany hunters ages 15 and under who deer, elk or turkey hunt with a gun. The adult shall remain in a position to take immediate control of the youth's firearm.

Q: I got invited hunting this weekend. I am required to have a hunter education card, but I don't have one yet. Can I still go?

A: Yes. Go online to fw.ky.gov and get a temporary hunter education exemption permit. (Valid only in Kentucky. Not accepted at Bluegrass Army Depot or Fort Campbell.)

HUNTER ORANGE CLOTHING LAW

Hunter orange garments must be worn as the outer coverings and must be worn at all times while in the field hunting. Garments can be of mesh

Orange is the law!

Kentucky's Hunter Orange Clothing Law requires **ALL HUNTERS** and persons accompanying them, hunting for any species during the modern gun, muzzle-loading, and youth firearms deer seasons or a firearms elk season to wear solid, unbroken hunter orange color visible from all sides on the head, back and chest.

type material, as long as openings in the mesh weave are no wider than one-quarter inch by any measurement. Garments may display a small portion of another color.

The following are examples of common Hunter Orange Clothing Law violations:

- Wearing camouflage-patterned hunter orange garments without additional solid hunter orange clothing on the head, back and chest.
- Wearing hunter orange clothing while walking to a stand and taking it off when you get there.
- Hunting squirrel, rabbit or quail when and where a firearms deer or elk season is also open without wearing hunter orange clothing.
- Hunting during a muzzle-loading deer season without wearing hunter orange.

In other words, if you're hunting anything in a place where and when a gun of any kind can be used for taking deer or elk, you have to comply with the hunter orange clothing law. The only exceptions are when hunting waterfowl during a gun deer season, or when hunting game that can legally be hunted at night (like opossum or raccoon, for example).

SHOOTING HOURS

Shooting hours for all species listed in this guide, except raccoons, opossums

Sunrise/sunset tables

Sunrise/sunset tables are available online at: http://aa.usno.navy.mil/data/docs/RS_OneDay.php.

and frogs, are during daylight hours only. Daylight hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. However, hunters may be in the field or stands before and after shooting hours.

Raccoons and opossums may be taken day or night, except during modern gun deer season when raccoon and opossum hunting is permitted only at night.

HUNTING METHOD EXEMPTIONS

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources grants exemptions to hunters with certain physical disabilities to hunt with a crossbow during archery-only periods of deer, elk and turkey seasons, or use a stationary vehicle as a hunting platform.

However, persons with qualifying physical disabilities must first have an exemption form completed and signed by a licensed physician certifying why the exemption is necessary. Forms are available from the department and online at fw.ky.gov. A completed exemption form serves as the hunter's exemp-

tion permit. It should NOT be returned to the Department. **Persons who obtain a hunting method exemption are still required to have the appropriate hunting license and permits.** Persons granted a hunting method exemption must also carry the signed exemption form along with their hunting license and permits while in the field.

PROHIBITED HUNTING METHODS

- No person shall discharge any firearm, bow and arrow, crossbow or other similar device, upon, over or across any public roadway. Hunting is prohibited in highway or interstate medians and rights of way.
- No person shall take or attempt to take wildlife from an automobile, or other vehicle, except as prescribed by regulation. Hunting from boats is permitted for small game.
- A person shall NOT pursue, chase or take a deer, elk, bear, or turkey during the spring turkey season, with the aid of dogs; while on horseback; or when the deer or elk is swimming. Dogs may

be used to locate and flush turkeys during the fall turkey seasons only.

- It is illegal to feed bears directly, indirectly or incidentally for any reason.
- No person shall take wildlife with the aid of fire, smoke, explosives or gas.
- Baiting is prohibited on all WMAs, Daniel Boone National Forest, Jefferson National Forest and state parks open to hunting.
- Deer and elk hunters shall not use electronic decoys.
- No person shall take a turkey when the turkey is roosting. (A roost is the place where a turkey spends the night.)
- A person hunting wild turkeys SHALL NOT use live or electronic turkeys as decoys or take a turkey by the aid of baiting, hunt on a baited area while bait is present, or hunt on a baited area for 30 days after all bait has been removed. (A baited area is any place where feed, grains or other substances capable of luring wild turkeys have been placed.) Turkeys can't be hunted over any private land area baited for deer. An area where grains or other feeds exist as the result of legitimate agricultural practices, or as the result of growing or manipulating a crop for wildlife management is legal for hunting.

FEEDING OF WILDLIFE

It is illegal to feed wildlife with grain, seed or manufactured animal feed outside the curtilage of the home (the area immediately surrounding a home or group of homes) from March 1 through **May 31**. This regulation does not apply to normal agricultural practices or food plots, or municipal areas not open to legal hunting or trapping.

SPOTLIGHTING

No person may deliberately cast the rays of a spotlight or other artificial light into any field, pasture, woodlands or forest, whether public or private, where wildlife or domestic livestock may reasonably be expected to be located. Shining artificial lights into private residences or other structures is also prohibited. This does not apply to: the rays of headlights of vehicles engaged in a normal course of travel; lights being used in legitimate agricultural activities; to anyone involved in activities legitimate to his or her business or occupation; circumstances in-

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cluding lawful hunting activities; or any landowner, his or her immediate family or any paid employee while working on his or her land at that time. No person shall take wildlife, except raccoons, opossums, fishes and frogs, using lights or other means designed to blind wildlife or make wildlife visible at night.

GAME CALLING DEVICES & RESTRICTIONS

- Hand or mouth-operated calls may be used in hunting all species.
- Mechanical and electronic (digitally reproduced or tape-recorded sound) calls or attracting devices may only be used to take groundhogs, coyotes, wild hogs, English sparrows and starlings during daylight hours year-round.
- A hunter may use electronic calls or attracting devices for furbearers during the furbearer season.
- Mechanical and electronic calls may be used to take crows only during crow season.
- Deer and elk hunters shall not use electronic calls.
- Turkey hunters shall not use or possess electronic or digital calling devices.

TREE STANDS

Construction and use of tree stands on private lands is regulated by landowners, not the department.

The use of nails, spikes, screws, wire, or tree climbers is prohibited for attaching a tree stand or climbing a tree on: all department-owned or managed WMAs, state parks open to hunting, Daniel Boone National Forest, Clark's River National Wildlife Refuge, Jefferson National Forest, Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge, Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge, Land Between the Lakes, Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, Fort Knox, Fort Campbell, Blue Grass Army Depot, Hidden Valley Training Area and Wendell H. Ford Regional Training Center.

Portable stands and tree climbers that do not injure trees may be used on the above areas, but must be marked with the owner's name and address. Portable stands and tree climbers may be placed in trees no earlier than two weeks before the opening of the season and must be removed within one week after the season closes on the area. Use of existing

permanent tree stands is prohibited. On state parks open to hunting, tree stands must not be left unattended for more than twenty-four (24) hours.

POSSESSION OF PROTECTED WILDLIFE

Possession of protected wildlife except during an open season is illegal without a permit. All permits must be obtained prior to taking or holding protected wildlife. Wildlife acquired prior to obtaining the proper permits may be confiscated and the holder fined. **Kentucky Fish and Wildlife strongly urges people not to take animals from the wild and attempt to make them pets.** A person must not hold wildlife in captivity that was not legally taken or obtained. Persons transporting live deer or other types of cervids (members of the deer family) without proper documentation or permits, or holding live deer captive in unpermitted facilities or pens are subject to severe fines and may have their animals confiscated or destroyed.

DOG TRAINING & HUNTING WITH DOGS

Hunters may run or train dogs for small game and furbearers year-round as long as game is harvested only during an open hunting season. Some WMAs have special restrictions on using dogs, so check ahead of time. All members of the party (unless license-exempt) must have a valid hunting license to pursue small game or furbearer species, even when training dogs without taking game. Dogs may not be used to chase, molest or hunt deer, elk, bears or turkeys, except: Dogs are permitted for locating and flushing turkeys during the FALL turkey season only, and dogs ON LEASH are permitted for tracking and locating wounded deer. Except during the season, raccoon and opossum hunters must not carry firearms, tree climbers, squealers or devices capable of killing, injuring or forcing raccoons or opossums from trees or dens. Squealers may be used during permitted field trials only.

FIRE HAZARD SEASONS

Oct. 1 - Dec. 15 and Feb. 15 - April 30 are fire hazard seasons in Kentucky. During these periods, it is illegal to start any fires within 150 feet of any woodland or brushland except between the

hours of 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. local time. Willful, malicious or wanton setting of forest fires at any time is a felony punishable by fines from \$1,000 to \$10,000 and imprisonment of up to five years. For information on specific county burning bans or restrictions, call the Kentucky Division of Forestry at (502) 564-4496.

FEDERAL WILDLIFE LAW

(Summary Only) Lacey Act Amendments of 1981, 16 USC 3371 3378

Prohibited Acts: It is unlawful for any person to import, export, transport, sell, receive, acquire or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce; any fish, wildlife or plant taken, possessed, transported, or sold in violation of any law or regulation of any state, or in violation of any foreign law.

Criminal Penalties:

- **Felony:** Fine of \$20,000 and/or imprisonment of up to 5 years.
- **Misdemeanor:** Fine of \$10,000 and/or imprisonment of up to 1 year.

Rewards: Furnished to individuals providing information that leads to an arrest or criminal conviction for violations of above.

MIGRATORY BIRD & WATERFOWL HUNTING SEASONS

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) governs migratory bird and waterfowl hunting. Season dates for these species are finalized by the USFWS in August, which is too late to be included in this guide. However, the first portion of the Kentucky dove season usually opens September 1 each year and runs through late October. Hunters should consult the 2008-09 Early and Late Season Migratory Bird and Waterfowl Hunting guides for complete details on migratory bird and waterfowl hunting in Kentucky, or check the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website at fw.ky.gov a few days before the season is expected to open.